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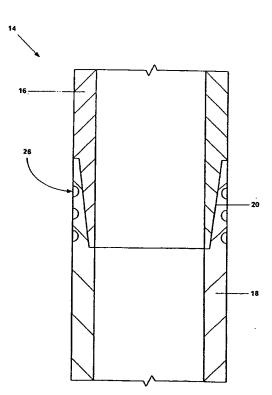
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	members 11,12 and groove 21 or 14 which will inherently act as a stress concentrator as 42		
Y	applies in the present invention except in claims 18 and 37-39 where no stress concentrator		
	is claimed. 8-12,21,26		
Y	Y US 6,390,720 A (LeBegue et al.) 21 May 2002 (21-05-02), see column 2, lines 55-65 and stress relief grooves 36 shown internally in fig. 2 and noted to be either single, plural or helical.		
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